

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-13, 15, and 20-31 prior to entering this amendment. The Examiner rejected claims 1-18, 15, 20-25, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker (U.S. Patent 6,580,694) and Kim (U.S. Patent 6,215,791). Applicants amend claims 2, 4-8, 15, 21, 23-25, and 31, cancel claims 1 and 20, and add claims 52-56. Claims 2-13, 15, 21-31, and 52-56 remain in the application after entering this amendment. Applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 15, 20-25, and 31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,821. In an Office Action response, filed 12/14/2007, Applicants submitted a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), which obviated the Examiner's rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 15, 20-25, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker and Kim. To expedite issuance of the instant application, Applicants have elected to cancel claims 1 and 20, rewrite the dependency of claims 2-8 and 15 to independent claim 9 and claims 21-25, and 31 to independent claim 26, placing claims 2-13, 15, and 21-31 in condition for allowance.

New Claims

Applicants have added claims 52-56, support for which is included in the application as originally-filed. Since claims 52-56 include claim features having similar subject-matter that the Examiner allowed with regard to independent claims 9 and 26, Applicants request that the Examiner allow these newly added claims.


CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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